

Mr. Napurano has described CW as "the purest, most accurate, efficient, reliable and economical form of radio communications ever devised" and requests the retention of the 5WPM code requirement.

Unfortunately, Mr. Napurano's comments are flavored more by personal opinion than by fact. Taken point by point, CW is a pure mode as it is pure carrier, however the remainder of Mr. Napurano's points don't hold up so well. As for being an accurate mode, all one has to do is listen to practitioners of CW to see that CW is only as accurate as the person sending, and the person listening. There is no innate error correction mode and it is up to the listener to decide whether they have received accurately. CW is not an efficient mode. While it can get through on low power, it takes quite a long time to send even the briefest of messages. CW is not a reliable method of handling message traffic. As stated previously, CW requires that there be qualified operators on both ends of the transmission. If such an operator isn't available, or, like most who pass the 5WPM test, not a regular user of CW, the transmission fails due to lack of expertise. For any mode to be considered economical, it must first show that it can transmit the message as easily as other modes. A car that gets 100 MPG isn't economical if it only goes 15 MPH!